IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1.   (Canceled)

1   2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 5, wherein the system has
2   certain goals including accumulating data.

1   3.   (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein at least one goal comprises a
2   goal selected from among the following: handwriting recognition, voice recognition,
3   building a database of queries to recognize an object, building a database of common
4   sense.

1   4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 5, further comprising
2   providing access to a domain expert to resolve conflicts between the responses of
3   netizens, if a conflict arises.

1   5.   (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A method of <u>machine learning using a training</u>
2   <u>process to train a learning system, the method comprising</u> ~~claim 1~~,
3   <u>presenting queries to non-expert netizens over a network, the netizens</u>
4   <u>participating in the training process;</u>
5   <u>continually updating the system and refining the queries based on responses to</u>
6   <u>the queries provided by the netizens;</u>
7   wherein the queries are multiple choice queries.

1   6.   (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the goals of the system evolve
2   as the system is updated.

1   7.   (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the goals comprise a plurality of

2 intermediate goals, that change in response to the responses while approaching a final

3 goal.

1   8.   (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein one of the plurality of

2 intermediate goals is to recognize a certain letter of the alphabet in handwriting.

1   9.   (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein one of the plurality of

2 intermediate goals is to recognize a sound corresponding to a certain set of letters, in

3 context.

1   10.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 5, wherein setting up the

2 system comprises:

3   implementing a plurality of rules for presenting questions;

4   implementing an architecture for interacting with the netizens to enable netizens

5 e to access the system; and

6   generating a database for storing the responses.

1   11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

2 evaluating a reliability rating for each of the netizens; and

3 weighting the response of each of the netizens according to the reliability rating.

1   12.   (Canceled)

1   13.   (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A system ~~of claim 12, further~~ coupled to a

2   network to present queries to and receive responses from a plurality of netizens over

3   the network, the system comprising:

4   a user interface to present the queries and receiving the responses;

5   a data aggregation logic to organize the responses;

6   a query formulation logic to formulate a next query based on the plurality of

7   responses to the last query; and

8   reliability evaluation logic to weight each response according to a reliability of the

9   netizen providing the response.

1   14.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13 ~~12~~, further comprising:

2   conflict resolution logic to resolve conflicts between responses provided by the

3   netizens using domain experts.

1   15.   (Original) A method of data aggregation over a network comprising:

2   presenting a question to a plurality of participants over a network;

3   receiving responses to the question;

4   analyzing the plurality of responses to the question from the plurality of

5   participants; and

6   formulating a next question based on the plurality of responses; and

7   presenting the next question to the plurality of participants.

1   16.   (Original) A method of interacting with a user comprising:

2   presenting a query to the user over a network;

3   receiving a response to the query from the user, the response transmitted to a

4   learning system;

5   informing the user of a result generated based on the response to the query,

6   such that the user is rewarded by being informed of the content and state of data being

7   gathered based on the response.

1   17.   (Currently Amended) A machine readable medium having stored thereon

2   data representing sequences of instructions, which when executed by a computer

3   system, cause said computer system to perform the steps of:

4   presenting multiple choice queries to non-expert netizens over a network, the

5   netizens participating in a training process of a learning system;

6   continually updating the learning system and refining the multiple choice queries

7   based on responses to the queries provided by the netizens.

1   18.   (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 17, wherein the system

2   includes a plurality of goals, and one of the goals is to accumulate data.

1   19.   (Currently Amended) A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave

2   comprising:

3   a user interaction code segment to present multiple choice queries to and receive

4   responses from netizens; and

5   a response evaluation code segment to evaluate the responses; and

6   a training code segment to update the system and refine the multiple choice

7   queries based on the responses to the queries provided by the netizens.

1   20.   (Canceled)

1   21.   (Currently Amended) The system for training of claim 22 20, further

2   comprising:

3   a means for storing the responses of the netizens; and

4   a means for weighting the responses of each netizens based on a reliability of

5   the netizen.

1   22.   (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A system for ~~training of claim 20, further~~

2   implementing a training process comprising:

3   a means for presenting queries to and receiving responses from non-expert

4   netizens over a network, the netizens participating in the training process;

5   a means for continually updating the system and refining the queries based on

6   the responses to the queries provided by the netizens; and

7   a means for rewarding the netizens for participation in training the system.

1   23.   (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

2   resolving a conflict between the plurality responses provided by the netizens

3   using domain experts, if the conflict arises.

1   24.   (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

2   evaluating a reliability rating for each of the netizens; and

3   weighting the response of each of the netizens according to the reliability rating.

1   25.   (New) The machine readable medium of claim 17, further comprising:

2   rewarding netizens for their participation in the training process